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Summary

Problem

Medical readiness is an integral part of any military operation. Generally, military medical requirements are based on the Deployable Medical Systems (DEPMEDS), a Department of Defense initiative designed to project, assemble, and deploy required medical materiel to theaters of operations. DEPMEDS currently is based on 319 diseases and injuries, or patient conditions (PCs), that are likely to occur during combat operations. However, operations other than war (OOTW), including humanitarian and peacekeeping missions, have increased in frequency. Due to changes in US military strategy and recent global political developments, this upward trend in OOTW is likely to continue over the next two decades, and medical practitioners may encounter injuries and diseases that differ, both qualitatively and quantitatively, from those typically seen in combat operations. If this occurs, DEPMEDS will need to be updated to reflect these changes.

Objective

The current study examines a set of outpatient diagnoses derived from an OOTW medical operation to determine whether these diagnoses can be mapped to the current DEPMEDS PC list, and whether consequent revisions in DEPMEDS are indicated.

Approach

Outpatient diagnoses were collected at a triservice field hospital in Zagreb, Croatia, during a multinational peacekeeping mission. Each diagnosis was coded according to the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision (ICD-9) and was subsequently mapped to its corresponding DEPMEDS PC code. Diagnoses that did not map to a PC code were examined to determine how best to expand DEPMEDS to account for them in the planning process.

Results

A total of 5806 outpatient diagnoses were examined. Approximately 62% of these (n=3593) were mapped to an existing DEPMEDS PC. Respiratory diseases were mapped most often, with only 25 of 1095 occurrences (2.28%) remaining unmatched. The remaining 38% of diagnoses (n=2213) could not be mapped precisely to a PC. Injury was the largest category, both in frequency (n=1916) and in number (n=665) and proportion (30.04%) of unmatched cases. Among other classifications, more than 50% of musculoskeletal, circulatory, genitourinary, gastrointestinal, and infectious disorders were unmapped.

Conclusions

The current DEPMEDS PC list does not describe all diseases and illnesses likely to be treated during OOTW. For example, some of the less serious afflictions, such as headaches or gastrointestinal upsets, have no clear parallel in DEPMEDS, and systemic conditions, such as diabetes or arthritis, are not covered at all. Several explanations may account for this: (1) some conditions treated during OOTW do not yet have a designated PC, since OOTW may differ from combat operations in population served and type of medical care provided; (2) information about the etiology of the condition may be insufficient; and (3) the nomenclature used by various medical personnel is not standardized, resulting in seemingly variant diagnoses.

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Introduction

To determine supply, equipment, skill, and personnel requirements for military medical operations, planners and logisticians project types and occurrence rates of battle injuries and diseases likely to be encountered by US forces in a designated combat theater. In 1985 the Joint Services launched Deployable Medical Systems (DEPMEDS), a modular system designed to facilitate such medical resource planning. DEPMEDS projects medical requirements, then it allocates sufficient supplies, equipment, and personnel to provide treatment to the anticipated array of casualties falling within the 319 Patient Conditions (PCs)² seen in Appendix A.

In a military deployment, there are four levels, or echelons, of care, ranging from Echelon I, which is battlefield care, to Echelon IV, which provides definitive care. Echelon V provides convalescent care in the Continental United States (CONUS). The DEPMEDS model determines requirements for Echelons III and IV,³ and the Naval Health Research Center has developed a compatible model for Echelons I and II.⁴ In these models, each PC is linked to a list of the medical tasks required to treat the condition at a given echelon. The supplies, skills, and time required to perform each task can be quantified, and thus, a supply stream can be generated.

A potential problem exists with the current list of DEPMEDS PCs as a result of changes in US strategic and tactical defense policy since the end of the Cold War. The Department of Defense (DoD), no longer preparing for major global conflict, has reframed its mission to prepare for major regional contingencies such as the Persian Gulf War.⁵ US military medical services also are deploying, with increasing frequency, on operations other than war (OOTW), such as humanitarian or peacekeeping missions, in places such as Somalia, Turkistan, Bangladesh, Bosnia, and Haiti. Given the high profile the military medical services are likely to take in such operations, this new focus on OOTW raises the question of whether the PCs that currently drive DEPMEDS can support adequate planning for OOTW deployments. Such deployments may differ from combat situations in demographics of patient population, types of medical conditions seen, as well as the nature of medical care provided. OOTW missions may differ as well. It seems apparent that a humanitarian mission, tending to a civilian population in dire circumstances, would yield a different set of medical problems than a peacekeeping mission, which serves a military population in a fairly stable situation. As a first step toward addressing this problem, a set of outpatient diagnoses collected at a triservice field hospital in Zagreb, Croatia, during a multinational peacekeeping mission, were examined. Studies of a humanitarian OOTW are indicated for future efforts in order to make comparisons between missions and to aid in medical planning by providing a complete representation of OOTW PCs.

Method

Staff of the US Air Force's 48th Air Transportable Hospital (ATH) created a database using outpatient, admission, and surgical diagnoses from the patient medical records of the field

hospital in Zagreb, Croatia, between September 1992 and March 1994.⁶ The hospital served a United Nations force of approximately 25,000 troops on a peacekeeping mission. Table 1 shows a breakdown, by unit command, of the number of patients treated, diagnoses, follow-up visits, total admissions, and total operations.

Table 1. Number of Outpatient Visits, Admissions, and Operations by Unit Command

	212th MASH	502nd MASH	48th ATH	Row Totals	
Patients Treated	1178	1425	2009	4612	
Diagnoses Treated	1404	2008	3357	6769	
Follow-up Visits	216	464	2318	2998	
Total Outpatient Visits	620	2472	5675	9767	
Total Admissions	338	` 317	349	1004	
Total Operations	206	144	188	538	

Outpatient diagnoses, rather than admissions, were selected for this study because there were nine times more of them in the database (see Table 1). Follow-up visits were excluded to avoid replication, and elective surgeries, all dental diagnoses, and visits where a diagnosis was not achieved, also were eliminated. Researchers from the Naval Health Research Center analyzed the remaining 5806 diagnoses.

The diagnoses were reviewed and classified using the 17 major categories of the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM). This step was required because a standardized nomenclature for recording diagnoses was not used in Zagreb. For example, one patient seen for hypertension might show a diagnosis of "high blood pressure" while another might have a shorthand entry of "HBP," or "HTN," and yet another might have "probable hypertension," all for the same condition. Applying ICD-9 terminology to the primary diagnoses reduced the variability in the diagnostic language.

To verify the matching process, electronic searches of a computer copy of the DEPMEDS PC treatment briefs³ were performed to determine whether any PC contained the same text as the primary diagnoses. All probable combinations of words used in the diagnoses were searched. If the electronic search found the text string in the title of a PC treatment brief, then the match was confirmed. If not, the lack of a match was confirmed.

In this manner, the primary diagnoses for the 5806 cases were sorted by ICD-9 categories, and, where possible, they were matched to a corresponding PC code. In both the matching and the verification process, no inferences were made; if the precise terminology of a diagnosis was not reflected in the PC code, then that case was considered unmatched.

Results

A breakdown of diagnoses by ICD-9 categories is shown in Table 2. The first two categories, Injury and Poisoning and Diseases of the Respiratory System, accounted for more than half of all outpatient diagnoses, while the categories for endocrine disorders, blood diseases, and congenital anomalies accounted for less than 1%. There were no diagnoses in the categories covering complications of pregnancy or perinatal conditions. Of the 5806 diagnoses considered, 2213 (38.12%) could not be matched to a PC code. Table 3 displays the frequencies of these unmatched diagnoses, along with the within-category percentage of unmatched cases (Column 4) and the proportion of total unmatched cases (Column 5), for each ICD-9 major category. In general, Injury and Poisoning, Musculoskeletal Diseases, and Digestive Diseases comprised more than half of the unmatched diagnoses, while Respiratory Diseases and Neoplasms were almost always matched and represented only 1.13% of unmatched cases. A summary of reasons for unmatched diagnoses appears in Table 4, and results for individual categories are detailed in the following paragraphs.

Table 2. Frequencies of Outpatient Diagnoses, by ICD-9 Major Category

		Cumulative
ICD-9 Major Category	N	Percent
Injury and Poisoning	1916	100.00%
Diseases of the Respiratory System	1095	67.00%
Diseases of the Digestive System	479	48.14%
Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue	449	39.89%
Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs	400	32.16%
Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue	363	25.27%
Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	359	19.02%
Symptoms, Signs and Ill-defined Conditions	213	12.83%
Diseases of the Genitourinary System	179	9.16%
Mental Disorders	115	6.08%
Diseases of the Circulatory System	104	4.10%
Neoplasms	77	2.31%
Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic Diseases, and Immunity Disorders	54	0.98%
Diseases of the Blood and Blood-forming Organs	2	0.05%
Congenital Anomalies	1	0.02%
Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Puerperium	0	0.00%
Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period	0	0.00%
Total	5806	

Table 3. Diagnoses Not Matched to PC Codes, Classified by ICD-9 Major Category

	Total	Unmatched	% of Category	% of Total
ICD-9 Category	Cases	Cases	Unmatched	Unmatched Cases
Injury & Poisoning	1916	665	34.71%	30.04%
Musculoskeletal	449	334	74.39%	15.09%
Digestive	479	. 249	51.98%	11.25%
Symptoms & Signs	213	203	95.31%	9.17%
Infectious Diseases	359	177	49.30%	8.00%
Skin	363	164	45.18%	7.41%
Nervous & Sensory	400	139	34.75%	6.28%
Genitourinary	179	103	57.54%	4.65%
Circulatory	104	69	66.35%	3.12%
Endocrine Nutrition	54	54	100.00%	2.44%
Mental Disorders	115	28	24.35%	1.27%
Respiratory	1095	25	2.28%	1.13%
Blood & Blood-forming	2	2	100.00%	0.09%
Congenital Anomalies	1	. 1	100.00%	0.05%
<u>Neoplasms</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>o</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	0.00%
Total	5806	2213	N/A	100.00%

Table 4. Reasons for Unmatched Diagnoses, by ICD-9 Category

ICD-9 Category	No Matching	Insufficient	Different	
(Brief Title)	PC Code	Information	Nomenclature	Total Cases
Injury and Poisoning	63	151	451	665
Musculoskeletal	88	212	34	334
Digestive Diseases	81	164	4	249
Symptoms and Signs		203	'	203
Infectious Diseases	70	104	3	177
Skin and Subcutaneous	44	14	106	164
Genitourinary D	91	12		103
Nerves & Sensory	118	21		139
Circulatory	33	· 36 ⁻		69
Endocrine & Nutrition	54			54
Mental Disorders		28		28
Respiratory		13	12	25
Blood and Blood-forming	2			2
Congenital Anomalies	1			· 1
Neoplasms				. 0
Complications of Pregnancy				0
Perinatal Conditions				0
Total	645	958	610	2213

Injury and Poisoning. Injuries occurred most frequently in this sample (n=1916), and diagnoses in this category accounted for the largest proportion (30.04%) of all unmatched cases. About one third of injury diagnoses could not be matched to a PC code. However, inspection of primary diagnoses showed that most of the 665 unmatched cases resulted from differences in terminology. For example, superficial soft-tissue injuries, such as contusions, abrasions, and lacerations, accounted for 30.4%, and sprains/strains accounted for another 29.3%. In 23.8% of cases, including burns, fractures, gunshot wounds, amputations, head injuries, and nonspecific injuries, the diagnostic language was not specific enough to match to a highly descriptive PC code. One diagnosis, blunt trauma, did not map to a PC code; there were 63 such diagnoses in the Injury category.

Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue. Nearly 75% of the 449 musculoskeletal diagnoses did not map to a PC code; these 334 unmatched cases accounted for 15.09% of the total. "Pain" in various body parts was the diagnosis in 161 cases, and this generality of language may account for the lack of a PC match. Inflammatory conditions (n=61) such as arthritis, bursitis, fascitis, osteomyelitis, costochondritis, and epicondylitis, and patellofemoral syndrome and other degenerative joint diseases (n=27) had no corresponding PC code. The remaining 25.45% of diagnoses, including muscle spasms, cysts, sciatica, effusion, and disk disorders, also were not covered by the PC list.

Diseases of the Digestive System. Digestive disorders represented 11.25% of diagnoses that did not map to a PC code. With 249 of 479 diagnoses unmatched, more than half (51.98%) did not compare to a specific PC code. Within the category, the diagnostic cluster including gastroenteritis, enteritis, and enterocolitis included 117 (47%) cases. No PC code corresponded precisely to these conditions, although if their etiology were known, a match might be made within the PC codes for food poisoning, diarrheal disease, or gastritis. Constipation (n=28) and gastroesophageal reflux disease (n=21) also were frequent diagnoses; there was no comparable PC code. Various inflammations of the digestive system, including esophagitis, chelitis, diverticulitis, duodenitis, parotitis, and sialadenitis, occurred 14 times without a concurrent PC match. The diagnosis of "anal fistula" appeared 11 times and did not map. Dyspepsia (n=9) was fairly similar to the PC code for gastritis, although the terminology was not exact. Other digestive diagnoses occurred infrequently and included Crohn's disease, bowel obstructions, and minor gastric afflictions.

Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-defined Conditions. This section includes conditions that have no diagnosis classifiable elsewhere in ICD-9 (p. 152, vol. 1). Of 213 diagnoses attributed to this classification, 95.3% (n=203) could not be mapped to a PC code, because, by definition, they are ill-defined. Pain, including abdominal (n=31), non-cardiac chest (n=18), and other localized pain (n=16) accounted for 32% of these diagnoses. Headache, syncope, nausea, lymphatic system disturbances, nosebleeds, and coughs accounted for another 37%. The remaining 31% of diagnoses included seizure disorder, edema, paresthesia, fatigue, urinary problems, vertigo, breathing problems, and various other minor problems.

Infectious and Parasitic Diseases. The 177 infectious diseases that did not map to a PC code represented 8.0% of the total. More than half of these diagnoses were "viral syndrome," a

term that is too indefinite to map to a PC code. Warts were diagnosed for another 55 cases (31%). Among the remaining 19% of unmapped infectious or parasitic diagnoses were HIV and other conditions with fewer than three occurrences.

Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue. Skin ailments accounted for 7.41% (n=164) of total unmatched diagnoses. Within the category, however, two types of disorders comprised 65% of unmatched cases: these were cysts, abscesses, and acne, with 56 incidences, and infections, with 50 cases. Generally, when skin disorders did not map to a PC code, it was because the diagnostic language differed from that of DEPMEDS. For example, PC 205 covers minor occurrences of boils, furuncles, and pyoderma, while ICD-9 describes cysts and abscesses.

Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs. Of the 139 unmatched diagnoses in this category, only ear infections, eye irritations, eye pains, and blurred vision might have been matched if more diagnostic information were available. These accounted for about 15% of the cases. Ear problems (n=56) such as "earwax," Eustachian tube dysfunction, tinnitus, and ruptured tympanic membrane did not map to a PC code. Other diagnoses, including Bell's Palsy (n=5), carpal tunnel syndrome (n=4), subconjunctival hemorrhage (n=4), occurred infrequently and did not match a specific PC code.

Diseases of the Genitourinary System. The 103 unmatched diagnoses in this category comprised only 4.65% total unmatched cases; however, within the category, more than half the diagnoses (57.54%) did not map to a PC code. There were 12 diagnoses of urethritis, which, if more information were available, might have fallen into PC 269. Other diagnoses, including 33 for urinary tract infection (UTI), 9 for hematuria, and 6 for breast and other cysts, and various infections and minor conditions, did not have counterparts among PC codes.

Diseases of the Circulatory System. There were 104 diagnoses in this category; 69 of them (66.35%) did not match a PC code. More than half of these (n=36) were classified as "hypertension," and, with complete information, might have mapped to PC 258 for "severe hypertension." Arrythmia and electrocardiovascular disorder account for another 23% of cases; there is no PC match for these diagnoses. The remaining 25% included varicose veins, congestive heart failure, pericarditis, and Raynaud's disease, among other infrequently occurring conditions. None of these mapped to a PC code.

Endocrine, Nutritional, and Metabolic Diseases, and Immunity Disorders. None of the 54 diagnoses in this category matched a PC code. Diabetes (n=21), gout (n=13), and dehydration (n=12) accounted for 85.2% of the cases, and the remaining 15% included thyroid dysfunction, hypoglycemia, hypercholesterolemia, and Bartter's syndrome.

Mental Disorders. In this category, all but 28 of 115 were matched. Most of these (n=24) were nonspecific headache diagnoses.

Diseases of the Respiratory System. Respiratory disorders were second only to Injury and Poisoning in overall frequency (n=1095), but this category comprised only 1.13% of unmatched cases (n=25). Dust allergies (n=9) were the most frequent unmatched diagnosis; the DEPMEDS PC for allergies does not mention specific allergens. Remaining diagnoses included nonspecific "irritations," and chronic conditions. Overall, DEPMEDS is fairly comprehensive in its coverage of respiratory diseases.

Diseases of the Blood and Blood-forming Organs and Congenital Anomalies accounted for only 3 diagnoses, none of which could be matched to a PC code.

Neoplasms. All cases were matched.

Discussion

Findings

The Zagreb database contained 645 diagnoses that were not addressed by DEPMEDS and for which new PCs should be written. Blunt trauma was the only injury without a PC code. Systemic diseases such as arthritis, degenerative joint disease, and diabetes require PC codes. Other conditions that should be addressed by DEPMEDS include arrhythmia, urinary tract infection, infectious diseases (e.g., rubella, scarlet fever, and tuberculosis), ear and eye dysfunction, gout, and thyroid conditions. Less serious conditions also need to be covered by DEPMEDS. These include digestive tract disorders (e.g., constipation, gastroesophageal reflux disorder, and anal fistula), warts, dry skin, varicose veins, and dehydration. Other conditions appeared in more than one ICD-9 major category but did not appear in DEPMEDS; these include inflammations and cysts occurring throughout the body.

If new PC codes were written to account for all of these conditions, 1568 of the Zagreb diagnoses would remain unmatched to a DEPMEDS PC code. Of these, 958 lacked a match because the diagnostic language was not specific enough to determine the precise condition. For example, several classifications of injuries, including burns, fractures, gunshot wounds, amputations, and head injuries, likely could match a PC if more information were available. Digestive disorders, such as gastroenteritis, enteritis, and enterocolitis, also would match a PC with the addition of etiological information. Certain eye and ear disorders and urethritis also lack sufficient diagnostic data for a PC match. As a result, the proportion of diagnoses classified as unmatched may be overestimated.

The remaining 610 unmatched diagnoses were unmatched because, in the Zagreb database, differences between the descriptive language of DEPMEDS PC codes and the diagnostic language used by physicians occurred frequently. This was particularly true among "common" or "minor" ailments such as headaches, gastrointestinal upsets, earaches, minor softtissue injuries such as contusions and abrasions, high blood pressure not specified as severe, and skin problems. However, sufficient supplies must be available to treat these disorders; therefore, a standardized language needs to be defined so that they appear in the planning process.

The results of this study should be considered with the understanding that the diagnoses in the database were presumptive; that is, a diagnosis was made on the first visit but was not necessarily validated through follow-up visits.

Recommendations

This observational study has demonstrated a need for comprehensive OOTW data on which to base future medical planning efforts. The Joint Service Working Group for Medical Support of Operations Other Than War, in the minutes for its November, 1996 meeting, 8 listed

three categories of OOTW besides peacekeeping: humanitarian relief, disaster relief, and garrison care. Data collection is needed for these OOTW as well as for peacekeeping missions.

The DEPMEDS PC list should be expanded to include conditions that are not currently defined. The Joint Service Working Group minutes⁸ also listed areas of care, as opposed to echelons of care, which may need to be augmented for OOTW. The areas of care include pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, infectious diseases, internal medicine, and preventive medicine. Also, a unified terminology should be adopted to ensure that all conditions, regardless of nomenclature, are accounted for in the planning process. Finally, a thorough analysis of the relationship between OOTW diagnoses and DEPMEDS needs to be undertaken so that sufficient medical supplies, equipment, and personnel will be available to ensure medical readiness.

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PC# PC DESCRIPTION

- Cerebral concussion closed with/without nondepressed linear skull fracture severe loss of consciousness from 2 to 12 hours
- Cerebral concussion closed with/without nondepressed linear skull fracture moderate loss of consciousness less than 2 hours 002
- Cerebral contusion closed with/without nondepressed linear skull fracture severe loss of consciousness greater than 24 hours with focal neurological deficit 003
- Cerebral contusion closed with/without nondepressed linear skull fracture moderate loss of consciousness from 12–24 hours without focal neurological deficit 004
- Cerebral contusion closed with intracranial hematoma with/without nondepressed linear skull fracture severe large nematoma (including epidural hematoma) with rapidly deteriorating comatose patient 005
- Cerebral contusion closed with nondepressed linear skull fracture severe loss of consciousness greater than 24 hours with/without focal neurological deficit 900
- Cerebral contusion closed with depressed skull fracture severe with associated intracerebral hematoma and/or massive 007
- Cerebral contusion closed with depressed skull fracture moderate no associated hematoma or significant effect from depression 800
 - Cerebral contusion with open skull fracture severe with intracranial fragments and/or depressed skull fracture; eyelid and eyeball laceration with retained intraocular foreign body 600
 - Cerebral contusion with open skull fracture moderate without intracranial fragments and/or depressed skull fracture 010
- 011 Intracranial hemorrhage spontaneous nontraumatic all cases
- 012 Not assigned
- Wound scalp open without cerebral injury or skull fracture severe scalped with avulsion of tissue 013
 - Wound scalp open without cerebral injury or skull fracture moderate scalp laceration 014
 - Fracture facial bones closed exclusive of mandible severe multiple fractures 015
- Fracture facial bones closed exclusive of mandible moderate single fracture 016
- Wound face jaws and neck open lacerated with associated fractures excluding spinal fractures severe with airway obstruction 017
 - Wound face jaws and neck open lacerated with associated fractures excluding spinal fractures moderate without airway obstruction; eyelid and eyeball laceration with retained intraocular foreign body 018
 - Wound face and neck open lacerated contused without fractures severe with airway obstructions and/or major vessel nvolvement 610
- Wound face and neck open lacerated contused without fractures moderate without airway obstruction or major vessel involvement 020
 - Eye wound severe loss of intraocular fluid with/without retinal detachment, with severe lid laceration, eye not salvageable 021

PC DESCRIPTION PC#

- Eye wound lacerated moderate without retinal detachment or retinal injury no foreign body retained without loss of vitreous fluid patient has hyphema eye salvageable 022
- **Tearing** impairment severe
- Hearing impairment moderate
- racture spine closed without cord damage unstable lesion 025
- racture spine closed without cord damage stable lesion 026
- racture spine closed with cord damage cervical spine with respiratory involvement 027
 - racture spine closed with cord damage below cervical spine (progressive) 028
- Fracture spine open with cord damage cervical spine with respiratory involvement 029
 - racture spine open with cord damage below cervical spine (progressive) 030
- ntervertebral disc disorders with nerve root compression resistant to bed rest/traction 031
- intervertebral disc disorders with nerve root compression responding to bed rest/traction 032
 - Strains and sprains sacroiliac region severe nonambulatory 033
 - Strains and sprains sacroiliac region moderate ambulatory 034
- Burn thermal superficial bead and neck greater than 5% but less than 10% of total body area and/or eye involvement 035
 - Burn thermal superficial head and neck less than 5% of total body area and no eye involvement 036
- Burn thermal partial thickness head and neck greater than 5% but less than 10% of total body area and/or eye involvement 037
 - Burn thermal partial thickness head and neck less than 5% of total body area and no eye involvement 038
- Burn thermal full thickness head and neck greater than 5% but less than 10% of total body area with eye involvement 039
 - Burn thermal full thickness head and neck less than 5% of total body area and no eye involvement 040
- Fracture clavicle closed all cases 041
- Wound shoulder girdle open with bone injury severe joint involvement 042
- Wound shoulder girdle open with bone injury moderate no joint involvement 043
 - Fracture humerus closed upper shaft all cases 044
- Wound upper arm open penetrating lacerated without fracture severe with nerve and/or vascular injury 045
- Wound upper arm open penetrating lacerated without fracture moderate without nerve or vascular injury 046
 - Wound upper arm open with fractures and nerve and vascular injury arm nonsalvageable 047
- Wound upper arm open with fractures and nerve injury no vascular injury arm salvageable Fracture radius and ulna closed severe - shafts of bones 049 048
- Fracture radius and ulna closed moderate colles fracture
- Wound forearm open lacerated penetrating without bone nerve or vascular injury with major loss of muscle tissue

PC# PC DESCRIPTION

severerequiring major debridement

- Wound forearm open lacerated penetrating without bone nerve or vascular injury moderate not requiring major debridement
 - Wound forearm open lacerated penetrating with fracture and with nerve and vascular injury forearm not salvageable
 - Wound forearm open lacerated penetrating with fracture and with nerve and vascular injury forearm salvageable 054
- 055 Fracture hand or fingers closed severe requiring closed reduction
- ⁻racture hand and/or fingers closed moderate not requiring closed reduction 056
- Wound hand and/or fingers open lacerated without fractures severe superficial and deep tendon involvement 057
- Wound hand and/or fingers open lacerated without fractures moderate no tendon involvement or limited to sublimis tendon 058
- Wound hand open lacerated contused crushed with fracture(s) all cases involving fractures of carpals and/or metacarpals
- Wound fingers open lacerated contused crushed with fracture(s) of phalangeals requiring rehabilitation 090
- 061 Crush injury upper extremity severe limb not salvageable
 - Occurs of the object of the
- 063 Not assigned
- 064 Dislocation shoulder closed all cases
- 65 Dislocation/fracture elbow closed acute all cases
- 066 Not assigned
- 067 Dislocation hand or wrist closed acute
- 068 Dislocation fingers closed acute
- 069 Amputation hand traumatic complete all cases
- 070 Amputation forearm traumatic complete all cases
 - 071 Amputation full arm traumatic complete all cases
- 072 Sprain wrist closed acute all cases
- 073 Sprain thumb closed acute severe
- 0/3 Sprain finance closed acute severe no thumb involvement
- Burn thermal superficial upper extremities greater than 10% but less than 20% of total body area involved 075
 - 3urn thermal superficial upper extremity less than 10% of total body area involved
- 3urn thermal partial thickness upper extremities greater than 10% but less than 20% of total body area involved
 - 3urn thermal partial thickness upper extremity less than 10% of total body area involved 8/0
- Burn thermal full thickness upper extremities greater than 10% but less than 20% of total body area involved 3urn thermal full thickness upper extremity less than 10% of total body area involved

- Fracture ribs closed severe multiple fractures 081
 - Fracture rib(s) closed moderate 082
- injury lung closed (blast crush) with pneumohemothorax severe one lung with pulmonary contusion and acute severe espiratory distress 083
- Injury lung closed (blast crush) with pneumohemothorax moderate one lung with pulmonary contusion and respiratory 084
- Wound thorax (anterior or posterior) open superficial lacerated contused abraded avulsed requiring major debridement
- Wound thorax (anterior or posterior) open superficial lacerated contused abraded avulsed not requiring major debridement 980
- Wound thorax (anterior or posterior) open penetrating with associated rib fractures and pneumohemothorax acute severe respiratory distress 087
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